

REMARKS

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated October 3, 2006 and is to amend the claims as filed in the present Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Application.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner raised an issue regarding the component monitor. In order to further clarify the present invention, the independent claims have been amended to more specifically indicate that the monitoring function is performed within the process device. As discussed in the previous response, this is not shown or suggested by the cited references.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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